

# INTERNATIONAL WINTER SCHOOL “SOCIAL INNOVATIONS IN THE DIGITALISED WORLD”

23 FEB- 23 MARCH 2026

Target group: master's and PhD students

Through a mix of lectures, interactive workshops, intercultural teamwork, and project-based learning, students develop digital competencies and entrepreneurial thinking for social impact



Kick-off Day:  
Feb. 23rd 2026 at 5:00 pm

Duration: 1 month  
Modality: fully online

The Winter School is a part  
of EU-funded EURIDICE  
project

Apply by 9 February 2026,  
join and enjoy





# SCHEDULE

## 10 Days of lectures, seminars, trainings and two weeks of self-paced work in teams

Monday, 23  
Feb



### Social Innovation and Social Structures (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

*You will learn what social innovation is, how it is researched and practiced, what kinds of social innovations exist, and how they are related to the specific structures and features of social groups. You will learn how to identify social problems and seek solutions. Team discussion*

Tuesday, 24  
Feb



### Social Innovation for Community Development: Perspectives of the Innovative Worldview and Worldbuilding (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

*You will understand why social innovations are crucial for society's survival, how they allow rewiring beliefs, and resisting negative trends. You will practice innovative thinking overall and with application to the specific problems, building sustainable growth of a certain community. Individual and team work*

Wednesday,  
25 Feb



### AI, Digital Humanism and Global Citizenship (5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

*You will explore how emerging technologies shape human values, rights, and responsibilities in a digital society. You will learn to critically assess the ethical, cultural, and social impacts of AI on individuals and communities worldwide.*

Thursday, 26  
Feb



### Communication for Social Innovation in the Digital Age (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

*You will explore how storytelling, visuals, and social media can raise awareness and inspire meaningful action. You will analyze online campaigns, learn how to communicate ethically and effectively, and create simple digital ideas that can drive positive social innovation.*

Friday, 27  
Feb



### Social Entrepreneurship in the Digital Age (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

*You will learn how to design and manage business models that create social impact by integrating entrepreneurial thinking with digital technologies. They will explore how digital tools—such as platforms, data analytics, and online communities—can scale social solutions and improve sustainability.*

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**Monday, 2  
March**



**Financial Social Innovation in the Digital Age. Financing Social Impact (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

*You will learn how social innovation brings solutions to unmet social needs and to societal challenges better than existing alternatives. Let's discuss various financial instruments used to fund social impact initiatives. Team work.*

**Tuesday, 3  
March**



**Financial Social Innovation in the Digital Age. Funding Social Innovation in Europe (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

*You are going to explore all funding opportunities available in Europe from public or private sources and also evidences that the trend is undoubtedly increasing as interest for social innovation rises all over Europe. Case study.*

**Wednesday, 4  
March**



**Digital Citizenship and Ethical Online Behaviour (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

*You will discover how algorithms, AI, and online communities shape your online behaviour and what it means to act responsibly in the digital world. You will examine real examples of risks, explore ethical dilemmas, and learn how conscious digital habits can empower both you and your community.*

**Thursday, 5  
March**



**Design Thinking Training. How to Prepare Your Final Presentations (5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)**

*You will learn to clearly articulate the problem you address, explain the design process, and showcase evidence-based prototypes or solutions. You will also practice delivering concise, visually engaging presentations that effectively communicate insights, impact, and next steps.*

**Friday, 20  
March**



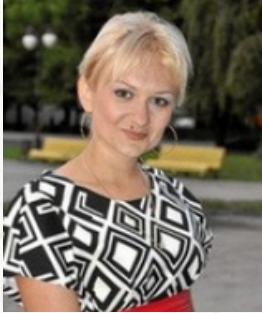
**Final Presentations "Social Innovations in the Digitalised World"**

*You will present your own projects of social innovations, which will be reviewed and awarded with certificates for 2 ECTS credits*





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